

### REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments to correct improper claim dependencies prior to the initial examination of the above-captioned application is requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

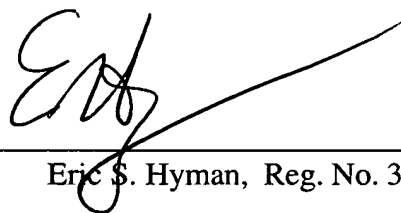
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